

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (previously presented): A method for processing an electronic mail (e-mail) message having an attachment, comprising:

receiving as input from a sender the e-mail message and the attachment for transmission to a recipient;

receiving as input from the sender an instruction indicative of whether to save the attachment on a computer of the sender;

sending the e-mail message and the attachment to the recipient; and

responsive to the instruction indicating not to save the attachment, saving, on the computer of the sender, the e-mail message without the attachment.

Claim 22 (previously presented): Apparatus for processing an electronic mail (e-mail) message having an attachment, comprising a computer, which comprises:

a data port;

a memory; and

a processor, arranged to receive from a sender using the computer an instruction indicative of whether to save the attachment in the memory of the computer, arranged to actuate the data port to send the e-mail message and the attachment to a recipient, and arranged to save the e-mail message in the memory of the computer without the attachment responsive to the instruction indicating not to save the attachment.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A computer program product for processing an electronic mail (e-mail) message having an attachment, the product comprising a computer-readable medium having program instructions embodied therein, which instructions, when read by a computer, cause the computer to:

receive as input from a sender using the computer the e-mail message and the attachment for transmission to a recipient;

receive as input from the sender an instruction indicative of whether to save the attachment on the computer;

send the e-mail message and the attachment to the recipient; and

responsive to the instruction indicating not to save the attachment, save, on the computer, the e-mail message without the attachment.

Claim 24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (previously presented): The method according to claim 21, wherein receiving the instruction as the input comprises receiving the instruction as the input at a time of writing of the e-mail message by the sender.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The method according to claim 21, wherein receiving the instruction as the input comprises receiving the instruction as the input at a time of sending of the e-mail message by the sender.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The method according to claim 21, wherein saving the e-mail message without the attachment comprises saving, with the e-mail message, information identifying the attachment.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The method according to claim 21, wherein saving the e-mail message without the attachment comprises saving a name of the attachment with the e-mail message.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The method according to claim 21, comprising receiving as input from the sender a designation of a first set of one or more recipients and a designation of a second set of one or more recipients, wherein sending the e-mail message and the attachment to the recipient comprises:

    sending the e-mail message and the attachment to the first set of one or more recipients; and

    sending the e-mail message without the attachment to the second set of one or more recipients.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the processor is arranged to receive the instruction at a time of writing of the e-mail message by the sender.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the processor is arranged to receive the instruction at a time of sending of the e-mail message by the sender.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the processor is arranged to save information identifying the attachment with the e-mail message in the memory.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the processor is arranged to save a name of the attachment with the e-mail message in the memory.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the processor is arranged to:

- receive a designation of a first set of one or more recipients and a designation of a second set of one or more recipients,

- actuate the data port to send the e-mail message and the attachment to the first set of one or more recipients, and

- actuate the data port to send the e-mail message without the attachment to the second set of one or more recipients.

Claim 35 (canceled)

Claim 36 (previously presented): The computer program product according to claim 23, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to receive the instruction at a time of writing of the e-mail message by the sender.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The computer program product according to claim 23, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to receive the instruction at a time of sending of the e-mail message by the sender.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The computer program product according to claim 23, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to save, with the e-mail message, information identifying the attachment.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The computer program product according to claim 23, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to save a name of the attachment with the e-mail message.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The computer program product according to claim 23, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to:

receive as input from the sender a designation of a first set of one or more recipients and a designation of a second set of one or more recipients,

send the e-mail message and the attachment to the first set of one or more recipients, and

send the e-mail message without the attachment to the second set of one or more recipients.

Claim 41 (new): The method according to claim 21, wherein receiving the instruction as input from the sender comprises receiving as input from the sender the instruction indicative of whether to save the attachment in a sent items folder on the computer of the sender, and wherein saving the e-mail message without the attachment comprises saving, in the sent items folder on the computer of the sender, the e-mail message without the attachment.

Claim 42 (new): The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the memory comprises a sent items folder, and wherein the processor is arranged to:

receive from a sender the instruction indicative of whether to save the attachment in the sent items folder, and

save the e-mail message in the sent items folder of the memory without the attachment responsive to the instruction indicating not to save the attachment.

Claim 43 (new): The computer program product according to claim 23, wherein the instructions, when read by the computer, cause the computer to:

receive as input from the sender the instruction indicative of whether to save the attachment in a sent items folder on the computer, and

responsive to the instruction indicating not to save the attachment, save, in the sent items folder on the computer, the e-mail message without the attachment.